

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

CONFERENCE

Call to Order: By **SEN. E. P. "Pete" EKEGREN**, on April 13, 1999
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Allan Walters, Chairman (R)
Sen. E. P. "Pete" Ekegren, Chairman (R)
Rep. John "Sam" Rose (R)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Dorothy Eck (D)
Sen. Reiny Jabs (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Eddy McClure, Legislative Services
Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 528, 4/12/99
Executive Action: HB 528

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON HB 528

Rep. Juneau described the intent of the bill, gave a history of
the study that prompted the bill and informed the committee of
her reasons for rejecting the Senate Amendments to HB 528.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter **EXHIBIT** (cch80hb0528a01)
EXHIBIT (cch80hb0528a02)

REP. JUNEAU presented amendments to **HB 528** **EXHIBIT** (cch80hb0528a03)

Discussion:

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Motion: REP. JUNEAU moved that HB 528 BE AMENDED ACCORDING TO AMENDMENT #1 (EXHIBIT 3).

Discussion:

Sen Eck supported reinstating Section 1 as did Rep. Rose.

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Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: REP. JUNEAU moved that HB 528 BE AMENDED ACCORDING TO AMENDMENTS #2 AND #3 OF EXHIBIT 3.

Discussion:

Eddye McClure explained amendments 2 and 3. Rep. Eck supported the amendment. Rep. Juneau explained the relationship of the "Whereas" clauses to these amendments and why line 7 was included in a House amendment. Sen. Jabs questioned the need to put these sections on statute.

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Vote: Motion failed 2-4, Rep. Juneau and Sen. Eck voting aye.

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Motion: REP. JUNEAU moved that HB 528 BE AMENDED ACCORDING TO AMENDMENT #4.

Discussion:

The committee discussed the effect of this amendment on local control versus a legislative mandate. Sen. Eck asked Eddye McClure to explain how the bill would be put together with the amendment. Rep. Juneau affirmed that the amendment would accomplish Sen. Eck's desire.

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Vote: Motion failed 3-3 Reps. Walters and Rose and Sen. Jabs voting no.

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Motion/Vote: REP. ROSE moved that the legislative staff be allowed to make technical changes to the bill as needed with the amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

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With the failure of amendment #4, amendment # 5 became a
technical amendment.}*

Motion/Vote: REP. WALTERS moved the report of the committee be
adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: REP. JUNEAU moved to adjourn. The motion carried
unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:35 A.M.

Sen. E.P."Pete", Ekegren, Chairman

Rep. Allan Walters, Chairman

Joanne Gunderson, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (cch80hb0528aad)